

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 2, 2001

Robert Vinson Brannum, MSgt, USAFR 721 New Mexico Avenue, #469 Holloman AFB, NM 88339

RE: MUR 5006

Dear Mr. Brannum:

By letter dated December 12, 2000, the Office of the General Counsel informed you of determinations made with respect to the complaint filed by you against Chris Matthews; Friends of Giuliani Exploratory Committee; John H. Gross, as treasurer; Bush for President, Inc.; David Herndon, as treasurer; Republican National Committee - RNC; Alec Poitevint, as treasurer; Hardball; and CNBC, Inc. Enclosed with that letter was the Commission's Certification of Commission Action.

Enclosed please find a Statement of Reasons adopted by the Commission explaining its decision to find no reason to believe the respondent violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. This document will be placed on the public record as part of the file of MUR 5006.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure
Statement of Reasons